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Stated Meeting, January 3, 1902.

Curator LYMAN in the Chair.

Present, 6 members.

Prof. Dana C. Munro, a newly elected member, was presented to the Chair, and took his seat in the Society.

The list of donations to the Library was laid on the table and thanks were ordered for them.

The decease of Mr. Clarence King, at Phoenix, Ariz., on December 24, 1901, aged 60 years, was announced.

Prof. A. Radcliffe Grote presented a paper entitled "Results Obtained from a Search for the Type of *Noctua* Linn., and Conclusions as to Types of Hubnerian Noctuid Genera Represented in the North American Fauna."

Prof. J. Dyneley Prince presented a paper entitled "A Modern Delaware Tale."

Messrs. Joseph Willcox, Joseph C. Fraley and Patterson Du Bois, the Judges of the annual election for Officers and Councillors, reported that the same had been held on this day, between the hours of 2 and 5 in the afternoon, there being present sixty duly qualified members, and that the following-named persons were elected, according to the laws, regulations and ordinances of the Society, to be the officers for the ensuing year :

President.

Isaac J. Wistar.

Vice-Presidents.

Coleman Sellers, Isaac J. Wistar, George F. Barker.

Secretaries.

I. Minis Hays, Edwin G. Conklin, Arthur W. Goodspeed,
Morris Jastrow, Jr

Treasurer.

Horace Jayne.

Curators.

Charles L. Doolittle, William P. Wilson, William B. Scott.

Councillors to serve for three years.

George F. Edmunds, James T. Mitchell, Albert H. Smyth,
Joseph Wharton.

RESULTS OBTAINED FROM A SEARCH FOR THE TYPE
OF NOCTUA LINN., AND CONCLUSIONS AS TO TYPES
OF HUEBNERIAN NOCTUID GENERA REPRESENTED
IN THE NORTH AMERICAN FAUNA.

BY A. RADCLIFFE GROTE, A.M.

(*Read January 3, 1902.*)

In view of the preparation of a general Catalogue of North American Lepidoptera, I have been asked to give the types of Hübnerian Noctuid genera. It is essential that systematists state the type of the generic title they use, and their work will be lasting in proportion as its literary basis has been proved. The scientific edifice will stand when the bricks are sound. A catalogue which employs the true, historically ascertained generic types has the advantage of possessing a permanent framework, even if later on the position of the objects designated be altered. And by using correct names a great advantage is secured to collectors and to literature. In my studies of the North American Noctuids for the